



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: ROY K. GREENBERG ET AL.
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For: MEDICAL GRASPING DEVICE
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Examiner: Pedro Philogene
Art Unit: 3732

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

REFERENCE DESIGNATION U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
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EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)
	"Günther Tulip Vena Cava Filter Set Jugular Vein Approach," William Cook Europe, 2003 Product Catalog
	"New Retrievable Percutaneous Vena Cava Filter: Experimental <i>In Vitro</i> and <i>In Vivo</i> Evaluation;" Jörg Neuerburh, Rolf Günther, Erik Rassmussen, Dierk Vorwerk, Kirsten Tonn, Stefan Handt, Werner Küpper, J. Vagn Hansen, Vol. 16, No. 4, July/August 1993
	"An Improved Snare System for the Nonsurgical Retrieval of Intravascular Foreign Bodies;" John W. Hubert, MD; Ronald J. Krone, MD, FSCA; Burton A. Shatz, MD; and Noah Susman, MD, Catheterization and Cardiovascular Diagnosis, 6:405-411 (1980)

Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R §1.98(a)(3). Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

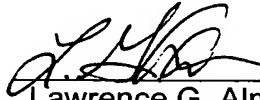
By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

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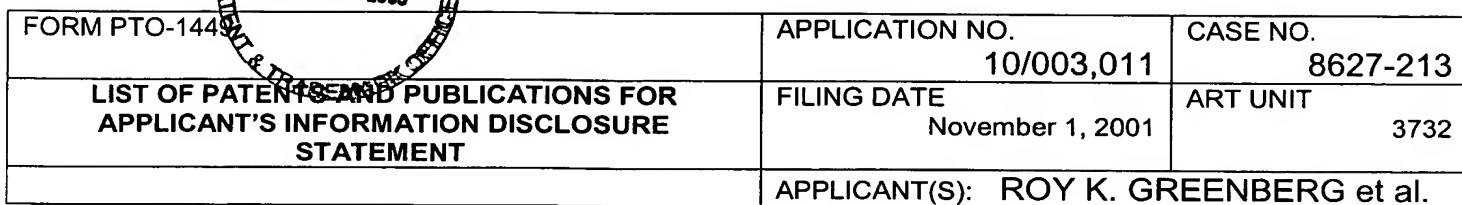
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